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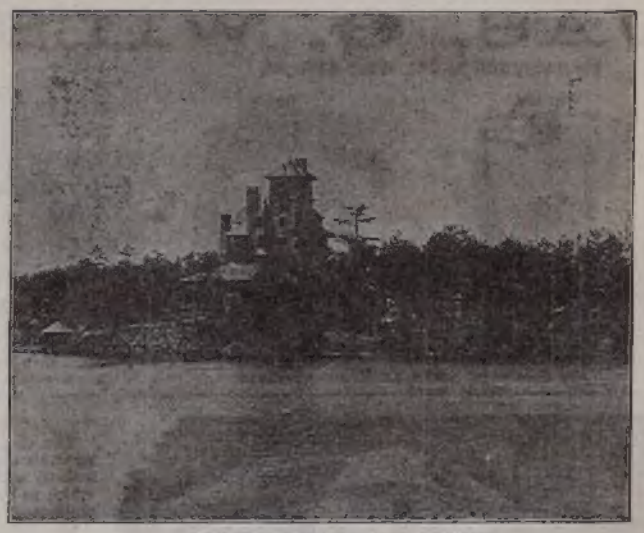

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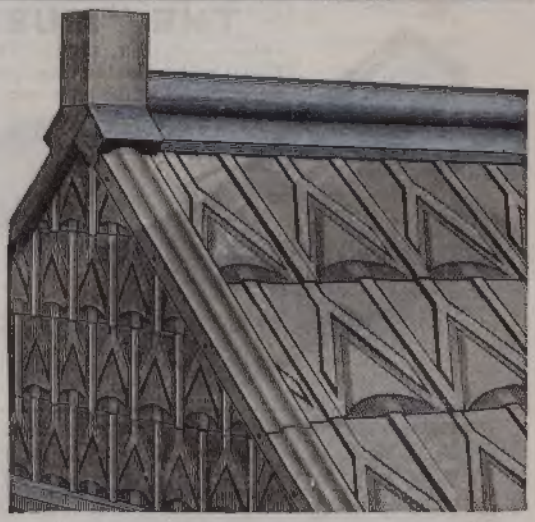

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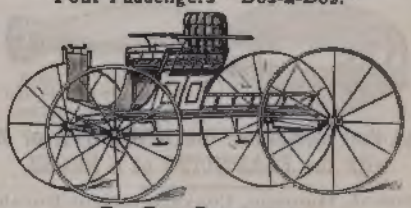

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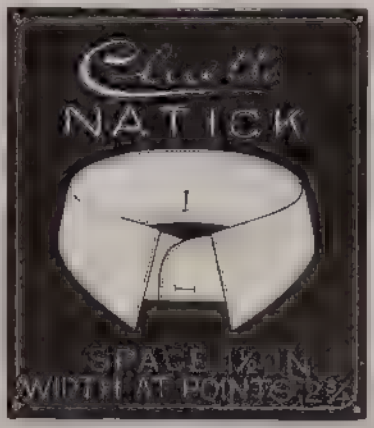

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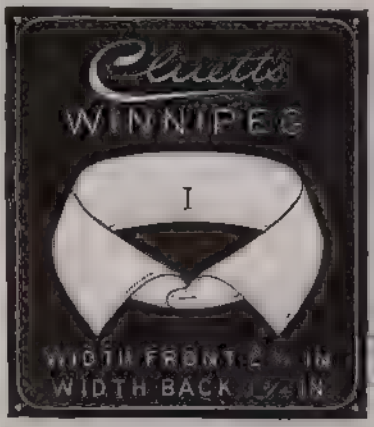

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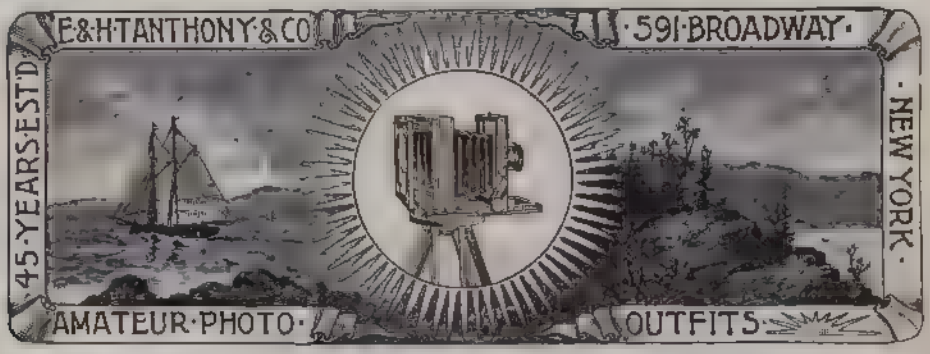

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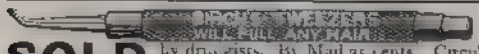

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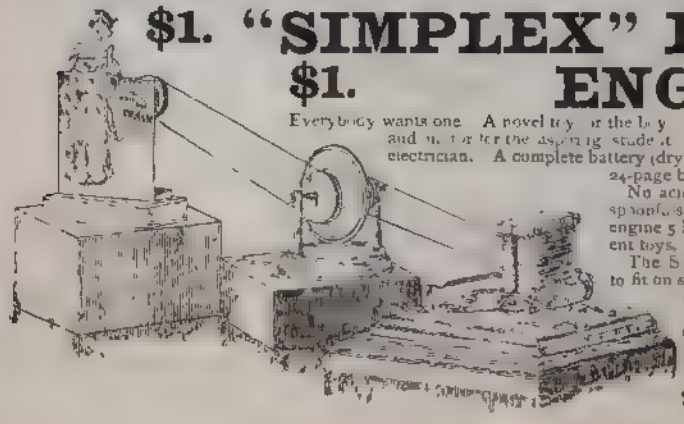

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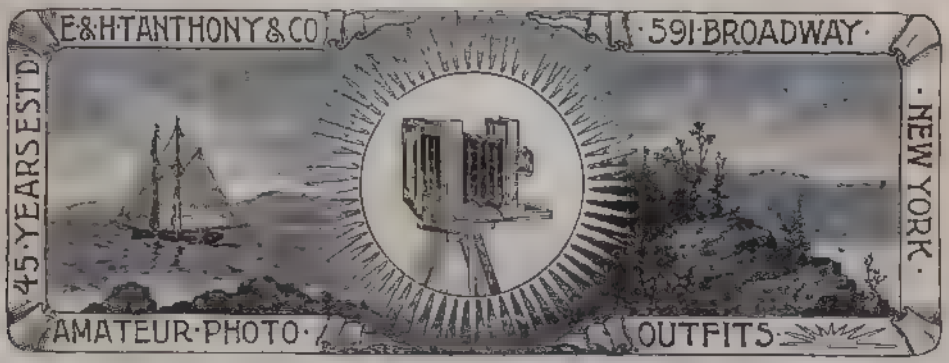

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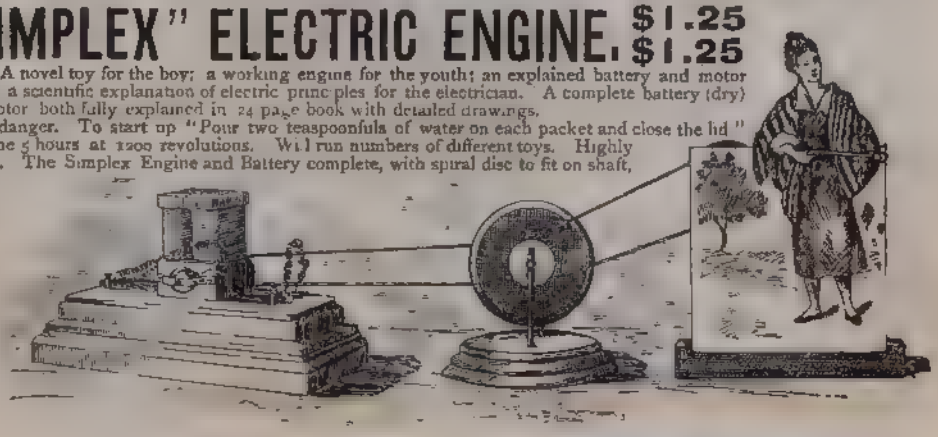

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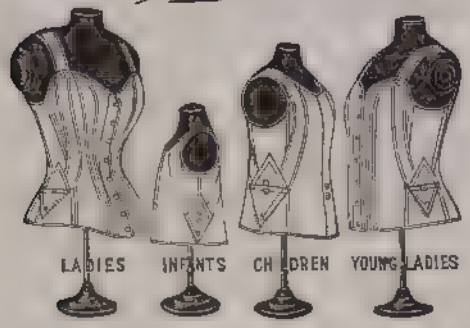

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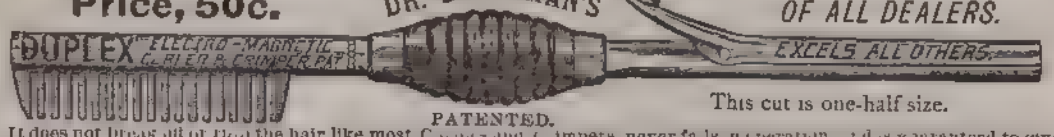

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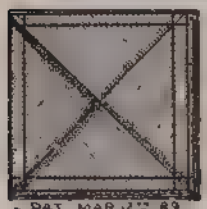

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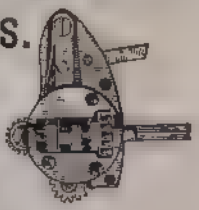

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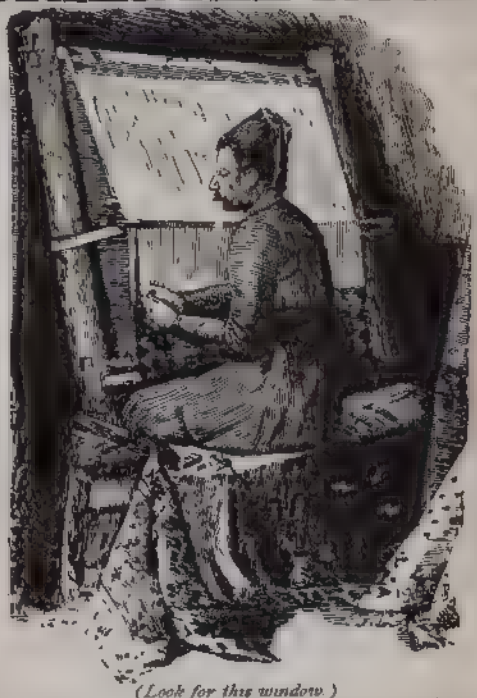

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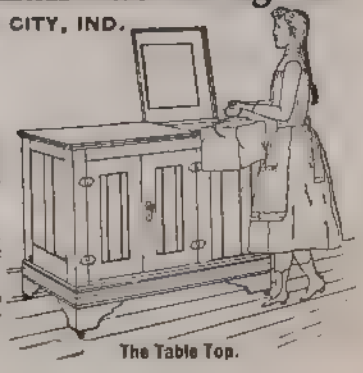

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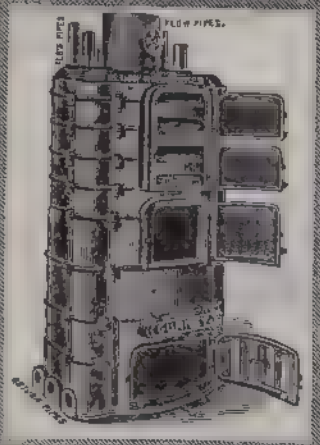

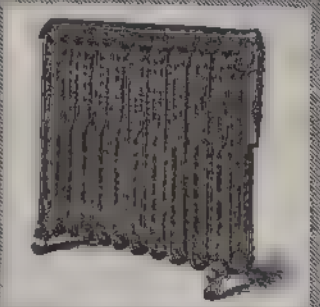

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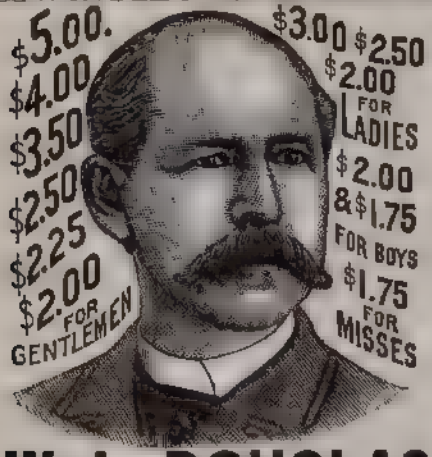

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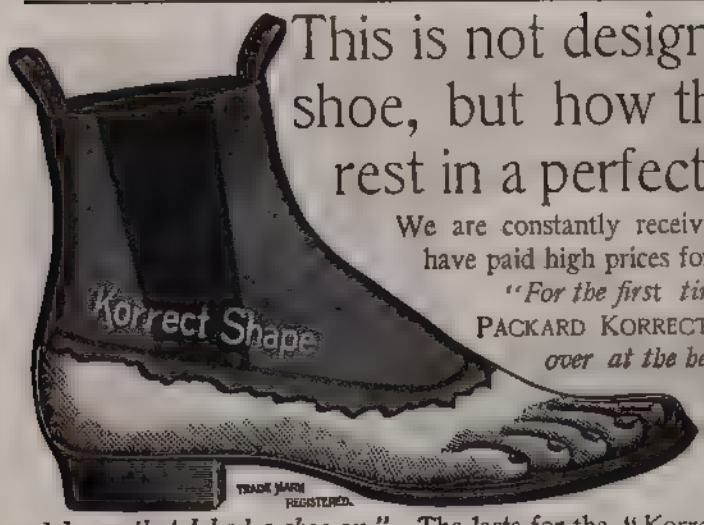

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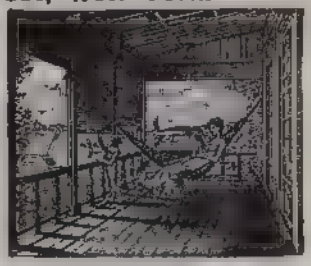

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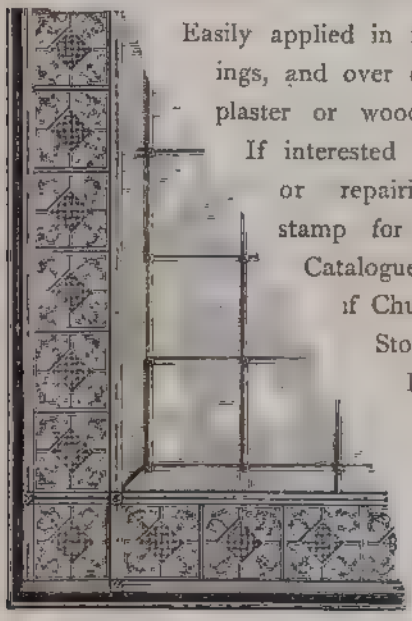

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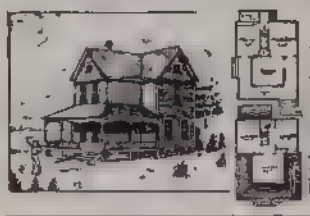

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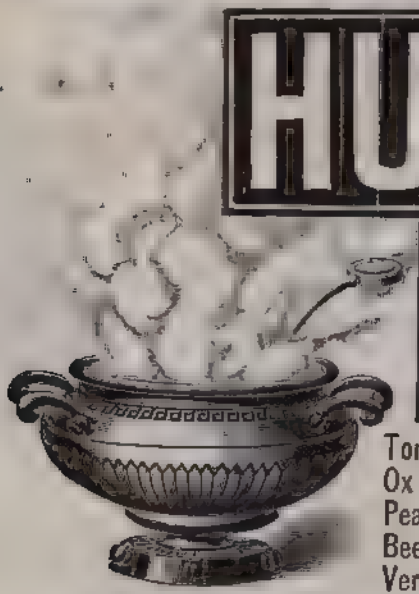

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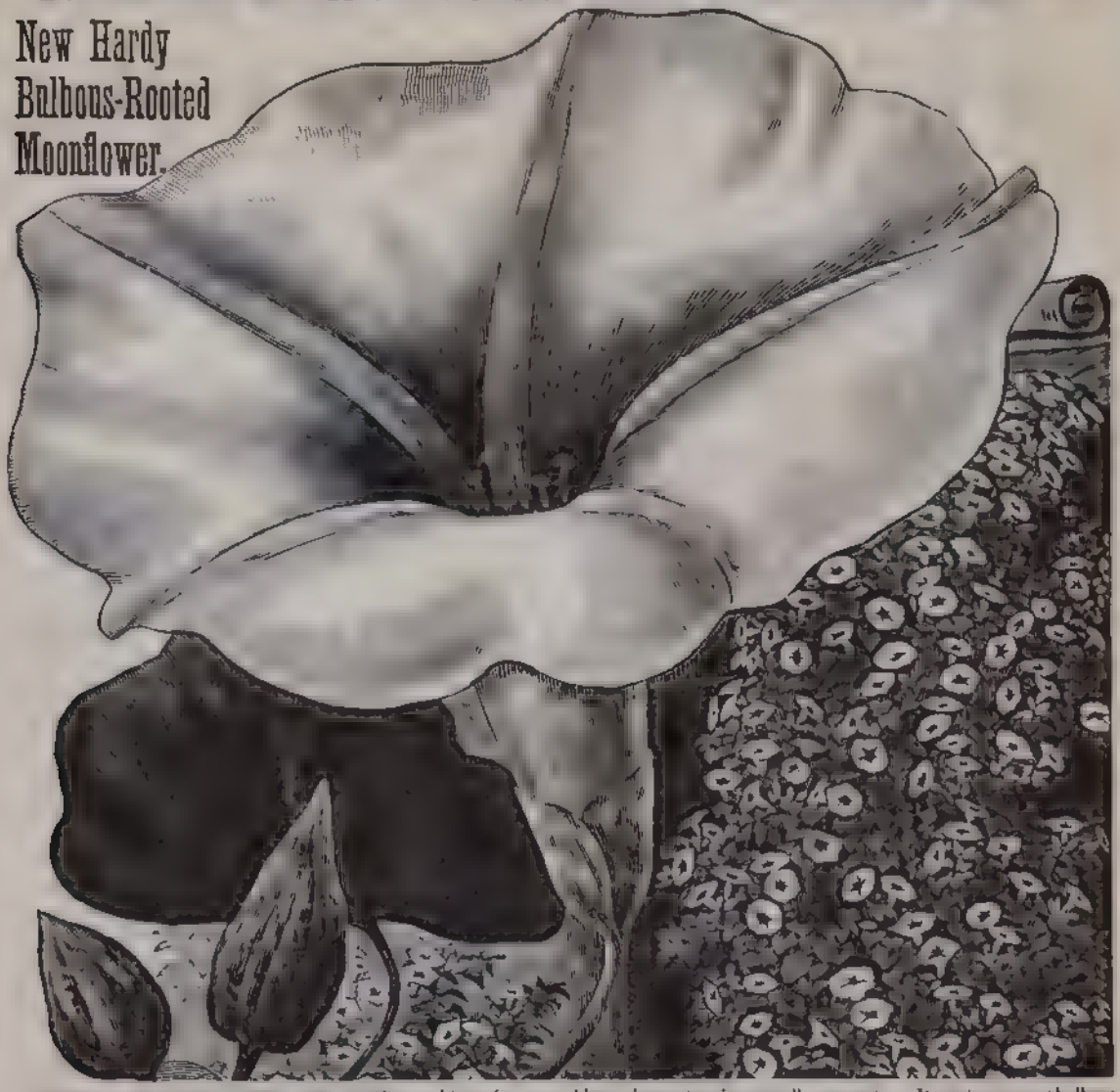

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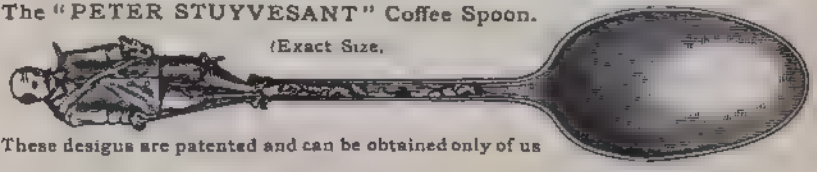

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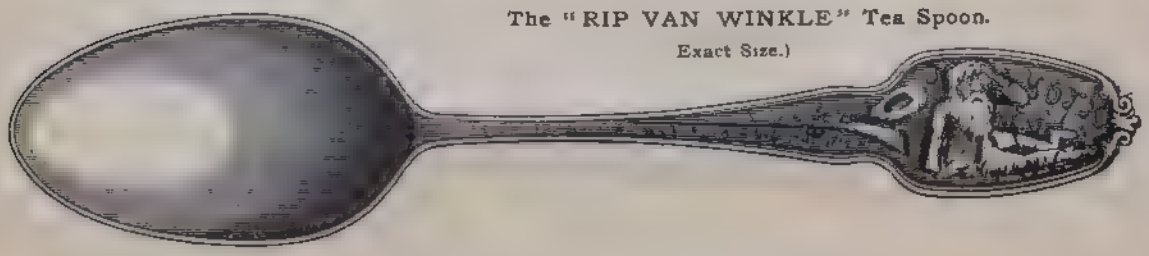

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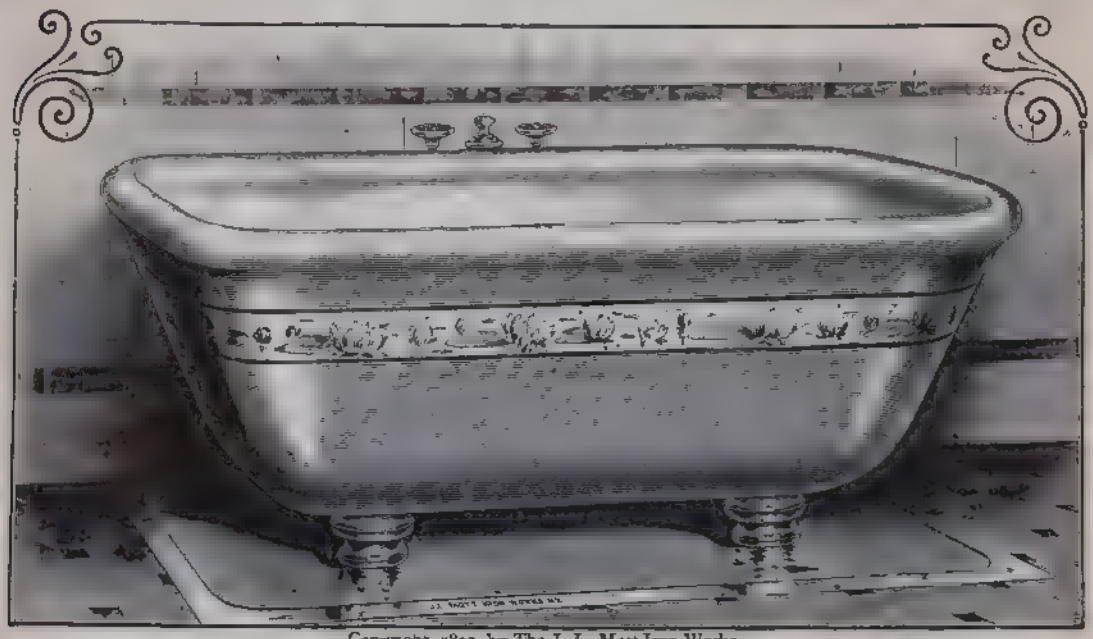

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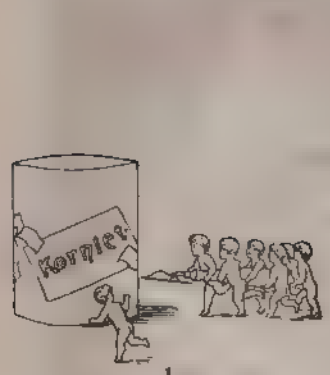

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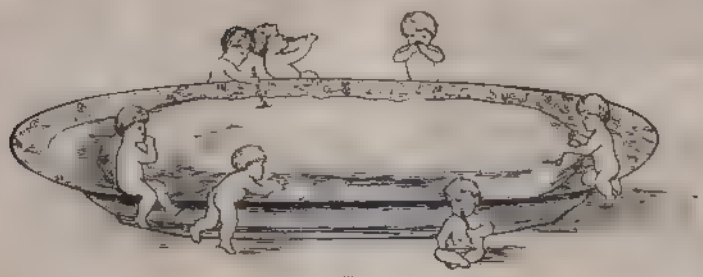

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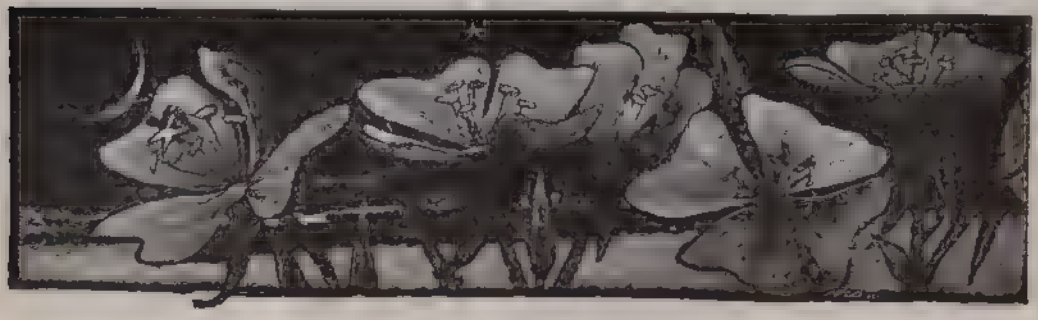

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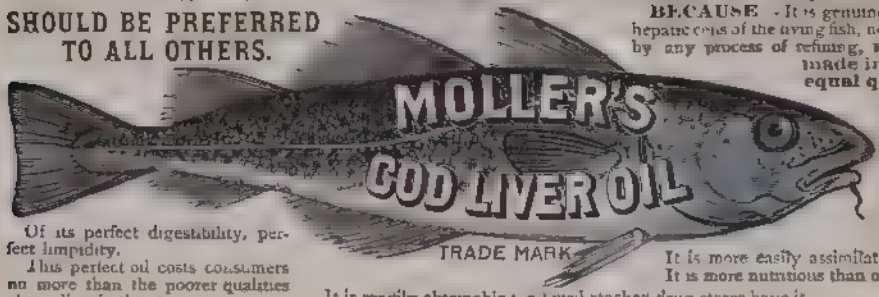

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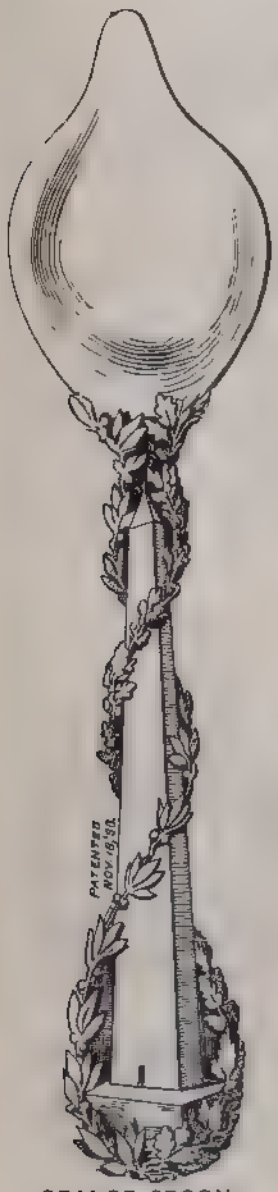

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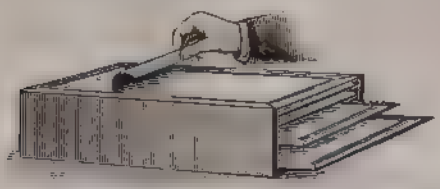

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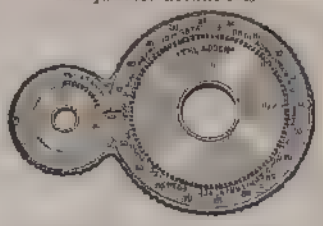

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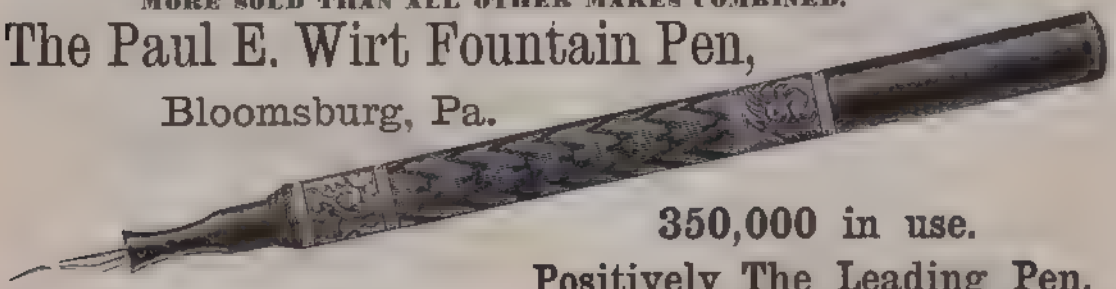

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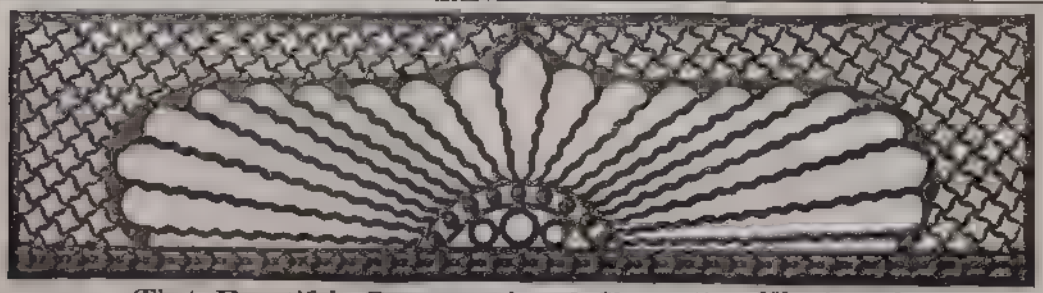

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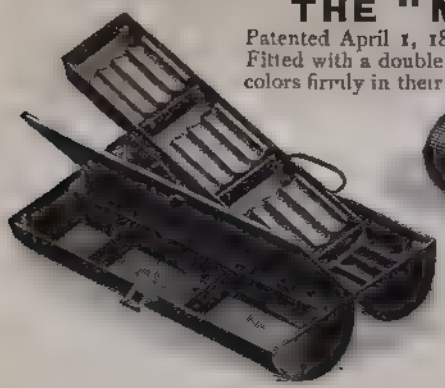

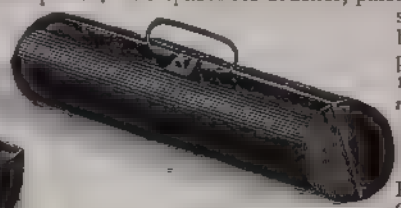

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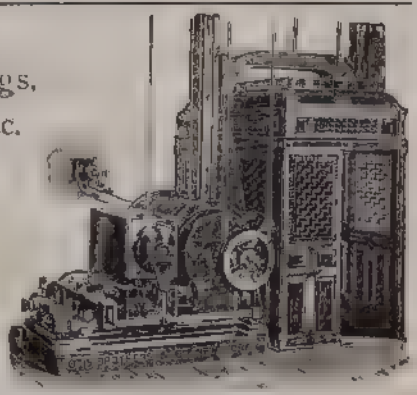

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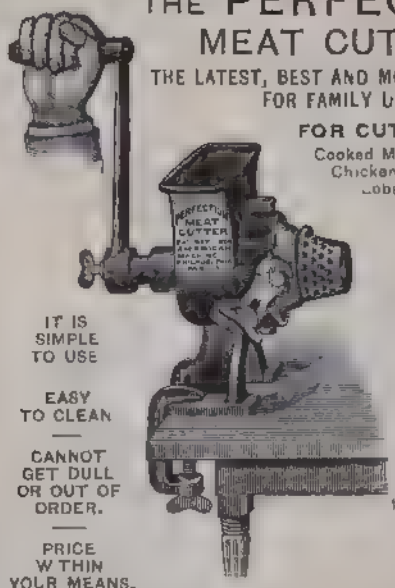

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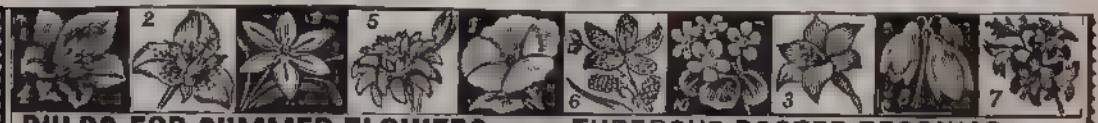

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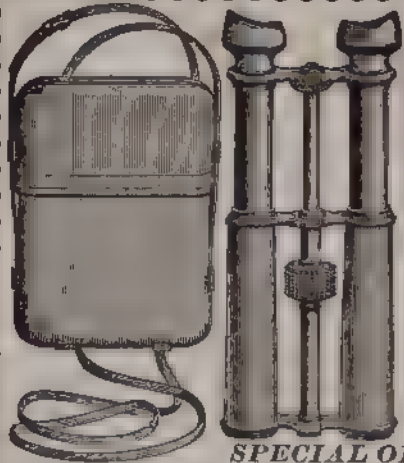

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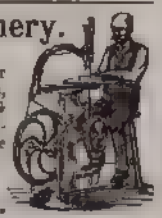

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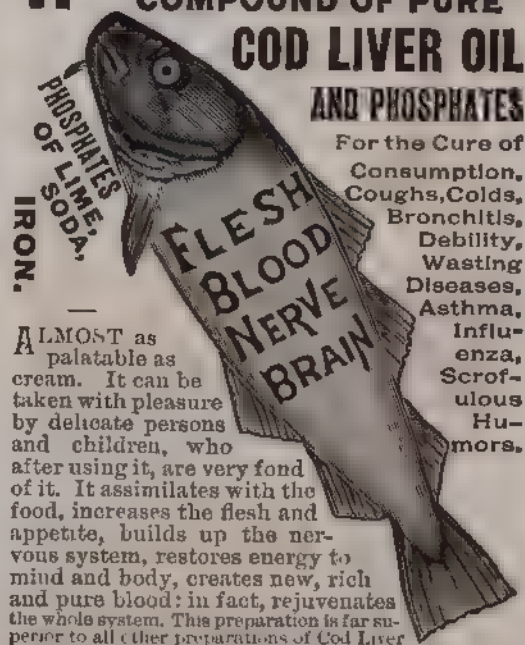

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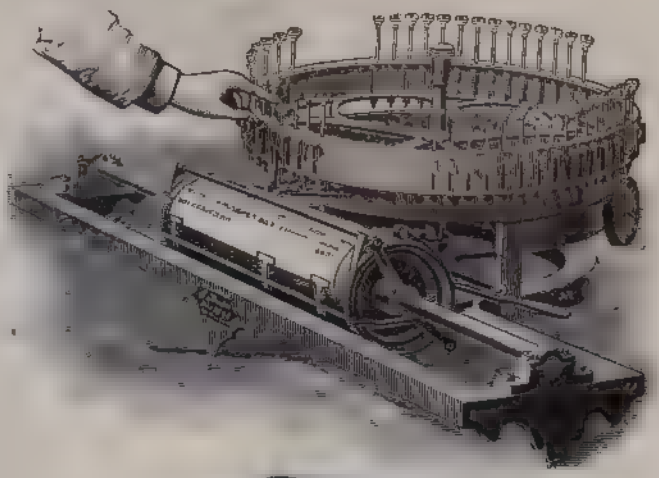

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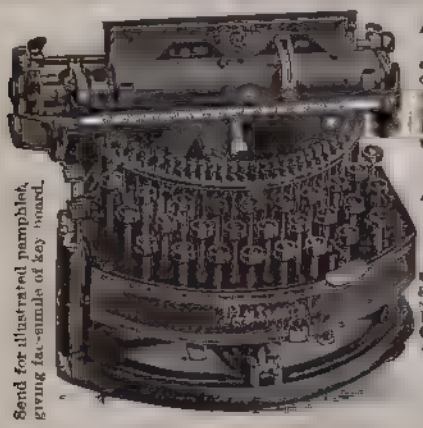

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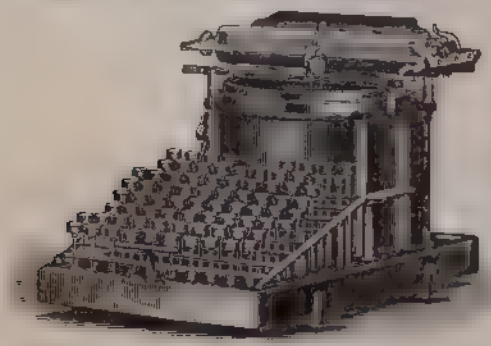

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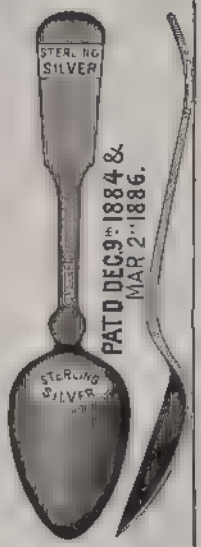

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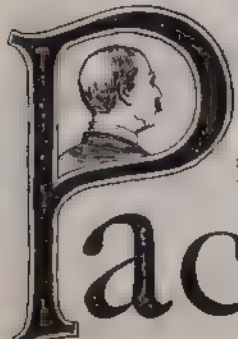

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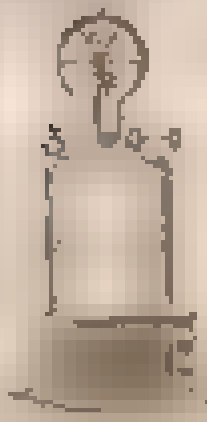

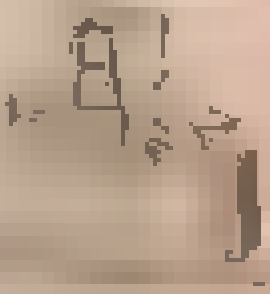

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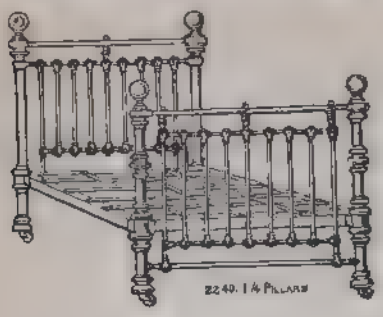

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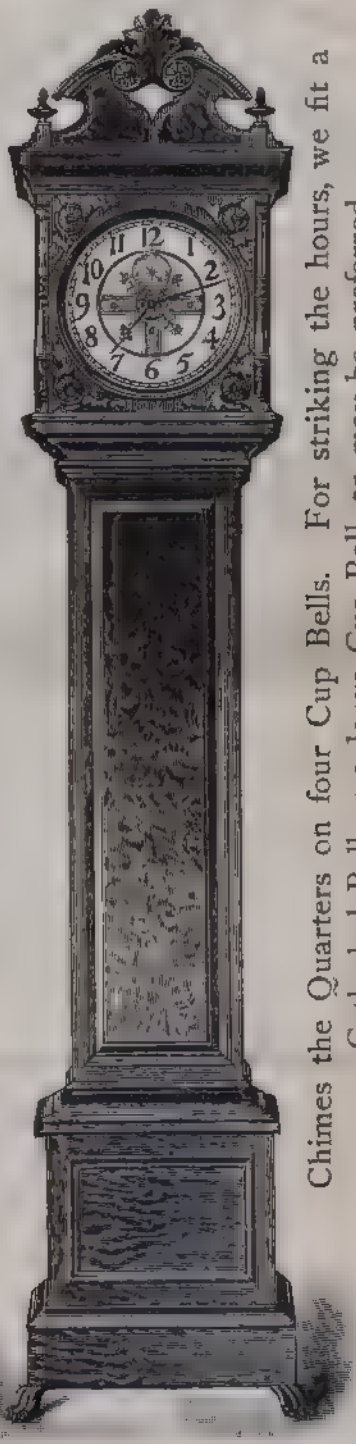

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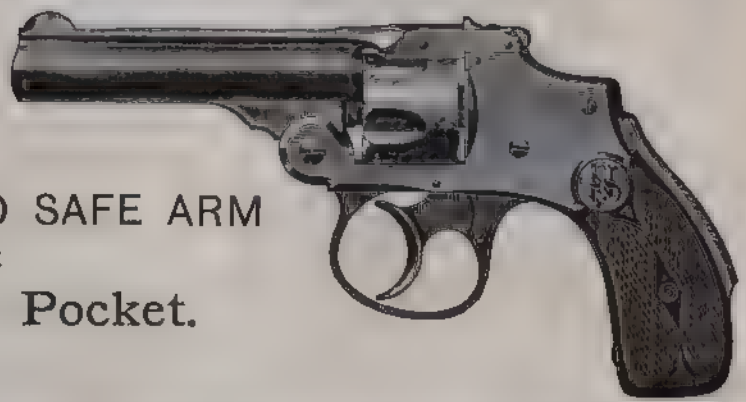

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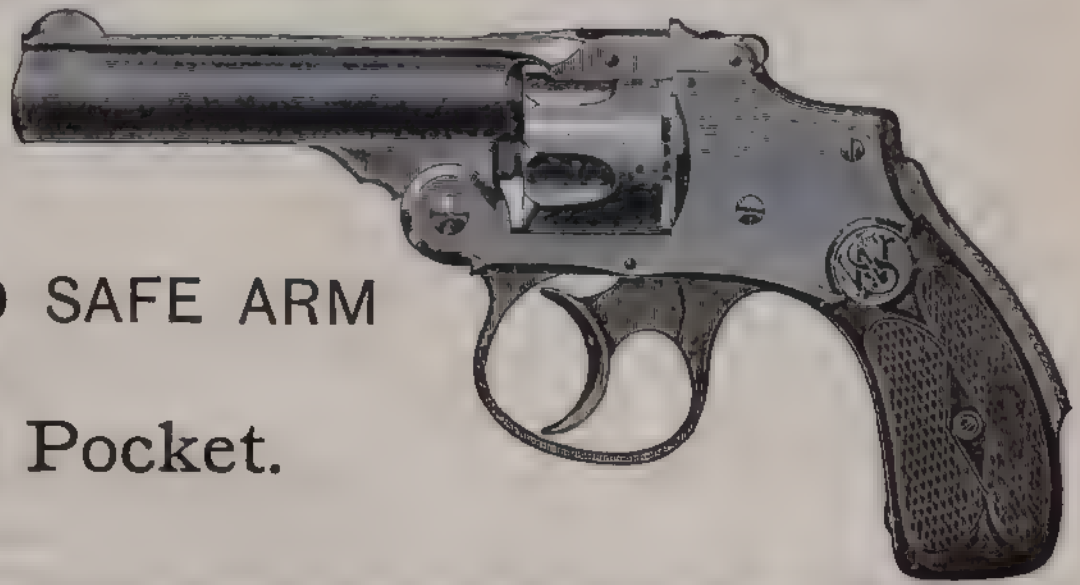

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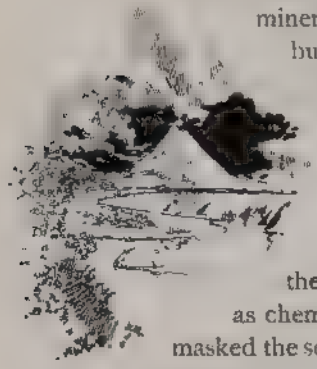
WE grow simpler as the world grows older, and pageants attract us less. My lady going down to take the waters at Bath in coach-and-four, with a little army of outriders, or swinging up to the public rooms in sedan, with running linkboys illuminating the way, seems but a picturesque, eighteenth-century masquerade to us. King George's magnificent frolic at Carlsbad, where he took seven thousand retainers and drowned out his ball-room with mineral waters, is in our eyes the most wasteful folly of a foolish age. True, my lady might have need of her outriders on the road, for Jack Sheppard was then abroad, and the linkboys were in part necessary in the dark, unpaved streets of Bath, where sloughs stood and footpads lay in wait, but we think little of an age where the lack of united effort made individual expense so vast. The ailing magnate went in search of health with a little army; the poor kept on ailing till they died.

We go to Soden, and Carlsbad, and Saratoga in parlor-cars to-day, but that is a part of our pleasure-seeking side. Some of us of necessity stay at home; but we do not stay at home to die, because we could not go to the mountain, as would have happened a century or two ago. The mountain comes to us in our day, and we have wrought the miracle Mahomet could not work. The man who knows that health for him lies at the bottom of the mineral spring, does not need to cross oceans; he sits at home and takes the essence of the mineral waters at his ease.

Mineral springs have been long known. Walls of Roman works are found at all of the European baths most in favor. They were health resorts when Roman legions were necessary to protect them from the wild hordes of Goths that ranged all the country outside the walled towns, though the most celebrated springs of the Roman Empire were the hot sulphur springs of Baiæ on the Gulf of Naples. The Romans also made use of the springs of Tiberias, still visited by people from all parts of Asia Minor, and Herod sought relief at the springs of Callirrhoë. Philostratus says that the Greek soldiers wounded at the battle on the Caicus were healed by the waters of Agamemnon's spring near Smyrna. In ancient Greece the priests, especially those of Æsculapius, placed their sanctuaries near them, as at the alkaline springs of Nauphis, and the gas springs of Dodona. Such places had not only baths, hospitals, and medical schools, but theaters and other places of amusement, and were thus the counterparts of our

modern spas, which have long been the centers of social activity and pleasure as well as health resorts. Treatment was purely by baths in those old days. That the waters might be drunk, much less bottled or compounded into mineral pastilles to be carried into foreign lands for the upbuilding of the health of thousands unable to reach the springs themselves, was not dreamed of. It was but to the baths that sufferers looked for relief; so the Romans made army stations at the wells in the countries they lorded over, and the Greeks transferred to their springs the elaborate social machinery that was the main characteristic of their race. In centuries, to the remedy of the bath was added the remedy of the drinking of the waters, as chemistry became more and more an exact science and unmasked the secret genii of health that dwelt in mineral springs. From drinking in excessive quantities people came to understand that the best results were obtained by moderation. Then some genius found that the health-giving properties of the springs could be placed in bottles, and carried to the patient, and at last the final triumph was reached, when the sufferers from disease learned that the highest type of the healing fountain was a mere lozenge, that might be carried in the vest pocket, to be dissolved in the mouth at any time, to be his certain relief and cure, the restorer of health. Such are the Soden mineral pastilles.



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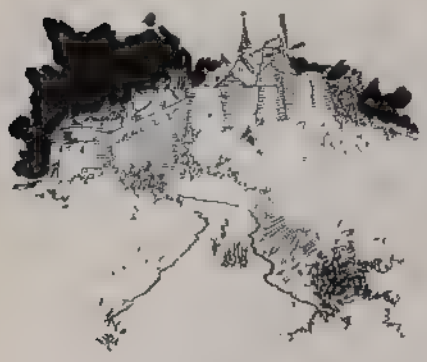
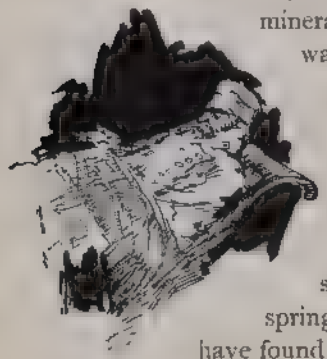


42° Fahrenheit. But near to Frankfort and Wiesbaden as it is, few of the many thousands who pass through those cities visit Soden. Dutchmen and Russians hold Soden in high esteem as a health resort, but to other foreigners it seems strangely unknown. The walks about the town are charming. The great Feldberg, the highest mountain in the Taunus range, and the high Altkonig, lie near to climb, with pleasant summits looking out over beautiful scenes. Königstein, a small town in one of the mountain passes close above Soden, is one of the "air cures" which Germans fancy so much, and, at Falkenstein, near by, is a hospital for consumptives. Below Falkenstein lies Cronberg, where is the Empress Frederick's castle, and between Cronberg and Soden is Kronthal, where there are springs of chalybeate water, and where a sparkling table water called Appoloninis is bottled. All through this region, indeed, are scattered beautiful villages and valuable mineral springs, and though all are easily accessible to fashionable Homburg they are inexpensive dwelling-places. Yet, attractive as the region is, it is the excellence of its mineral waters that has made Soden famous. The springs are saline springs, somewhat similar to those at Saratoga, and chloride of sodium is the chief ingredient. They are twenty-four in number, though the most valuable ones are seven, and these vary much in temperature, and in the quantity of salt, of sulphur, and of iron contained in them. Some are greatly charged with carbonic acid gas and sparkle in the glass. People suffering from irritation in the mucous membrane of the throat or stomach find almost immediately the relief they seek. Indeed, to those having delicate chests Soden waters are invaluable. One of the marked features of Soden is the great number of physicians one finds there suffering with obstinate coughs. What a physician drinks as a remedy for too frequent coughing ought to be looked upon with great favor by the lay public who also suffer in that unhappy way. The patients of Soden arrive tortured by coughing, and irritation of the chest, and unable to digest their food, but, we are assured, go away with restored power of assimilating their food, and without the dreaded cough. The chief therapeutic action of these saline waters is for dyspepsia, scrofula, anæmia, and as a special for throat troubles and phthisis. What Soden and its mineral waters may do for sufferers from these dread diseases, the science of chemistry has gained for the simple Soden mineral pastilles, so that the man with the fatal tendency towards coughing, or irritation of the throat, or huskiness and weakness of the voice, or any catarrhal attacks, has but to dissolve in his mouth three or four of these pastilles to find immediate relief. He may, for all practical purposes, stay at home and carry, figuratively speaking, Soden and all its mineral springs in his vest pocket, for the simple pastille has been so skillfully compounded from two of Soden's most famous springs that all the health-restoring qualities of their waters have found a home in the small lozenges. For singers, ministers, and all public speakers they are invaluable, as they act as excellent mucus solvents, relieve the throat of huskiness, remove irritation in the vocal chords,



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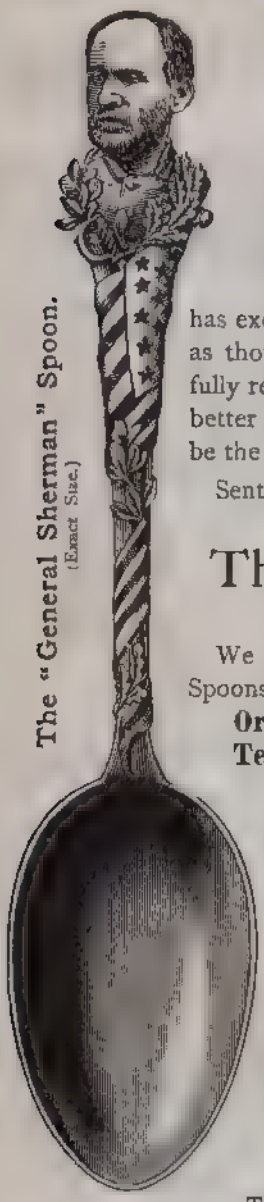

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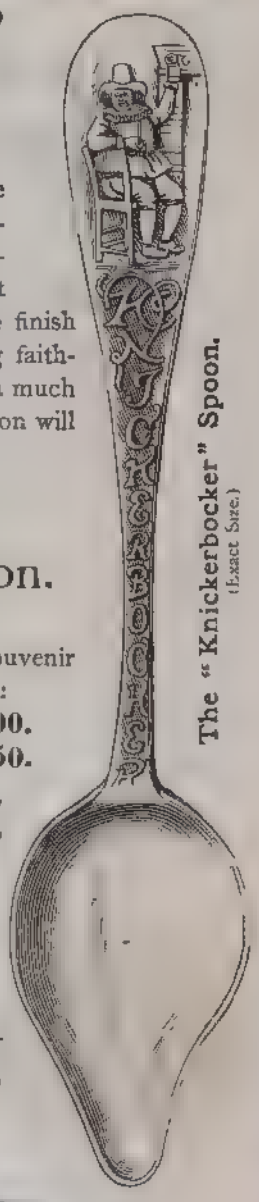

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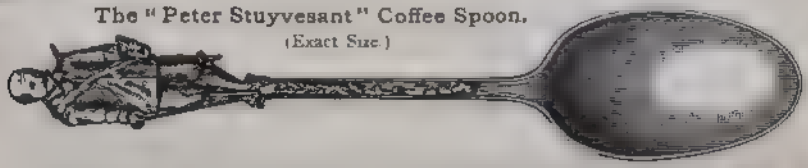

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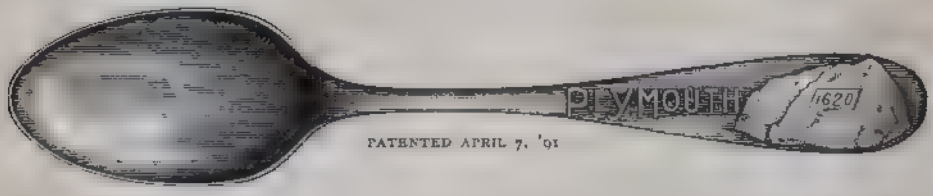

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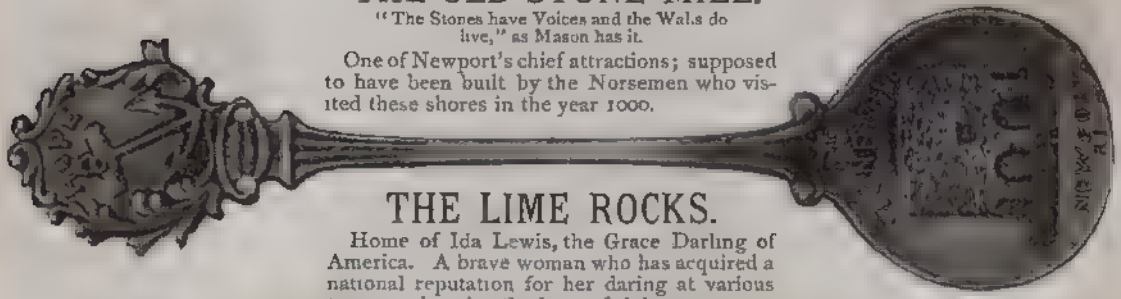

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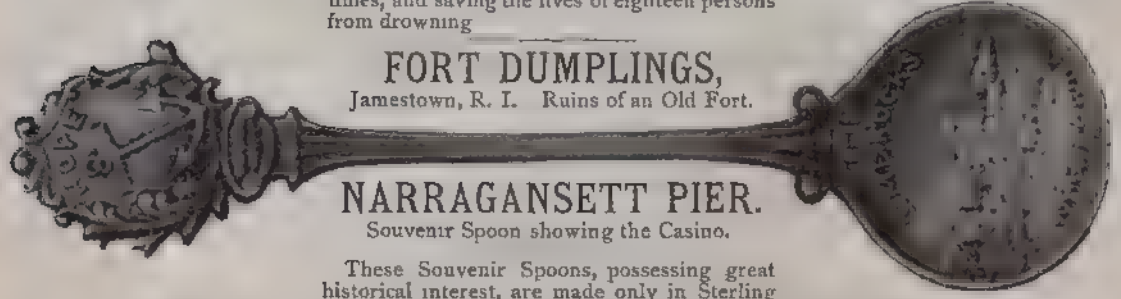

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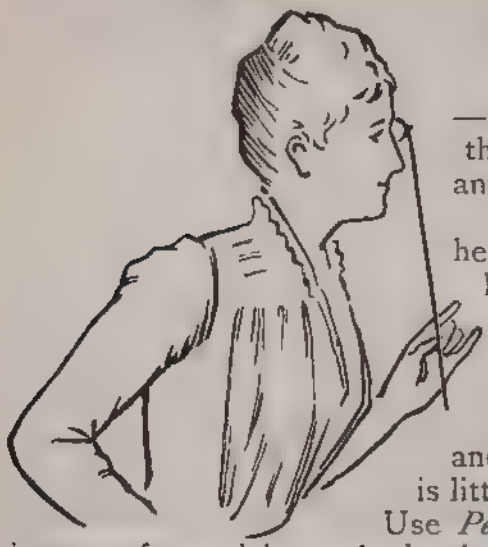

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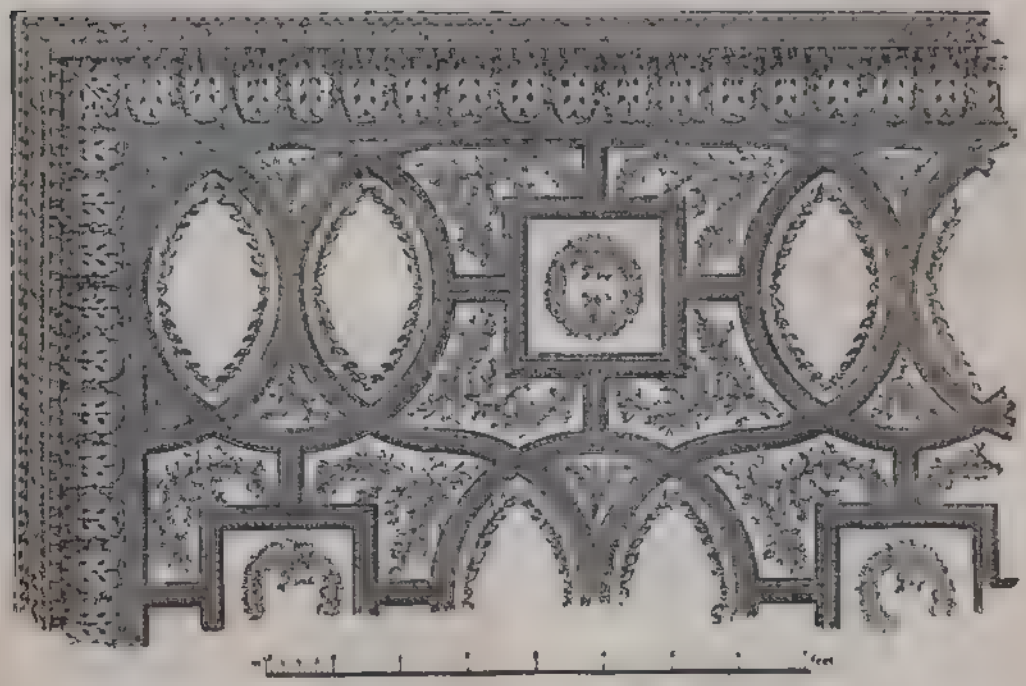

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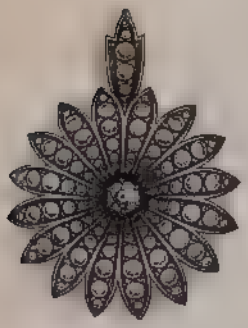

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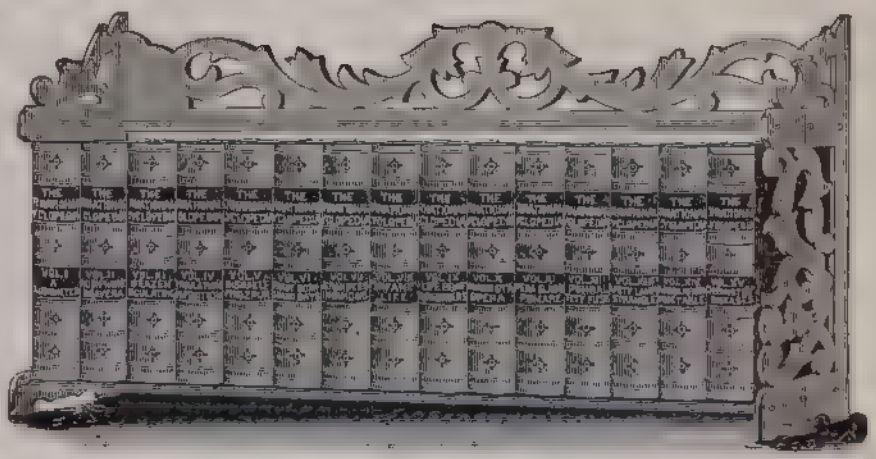

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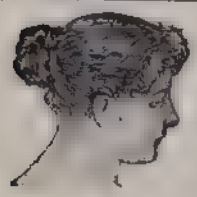

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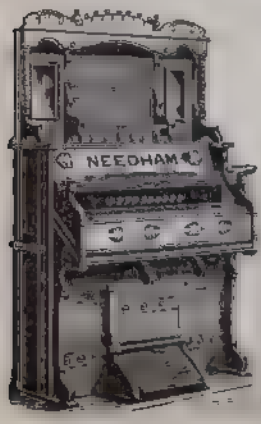

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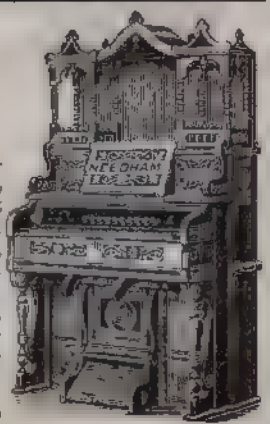

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The population has increased from 25,000 to 40,000 in the past year, and is steadily growing.

The Bank clearances have doubled in the last year, and Tacoma now has the heaviest bank clearances of any city in Washington.

Business of all kinds is prospering, and is continually increasing in volume.

The Union Pacific Railway has acquired terminal facilities at Tacoma, has purchased a local line of railway, and is now building rapidly to a connection with its main line at Portland; this extension to be completed in a year. The value of another transcontinental line of railway coming into Tacoma cannot be overestimated.

The Northern Pacific has nearly completed its immense new car-shops, which will give employment to at least one thousand men. This Company spends about one million a year in terminal improvements in Tacoma. Large money is also spent in Western Washington, which is directly tributary to Tacoma from the Cascade Range to the Pacific Ocean. It is covered with dense forests of fir and cedar; the country is mostly broken and hilly, inland with valleys of extraordinary fertility, and about thirty miles back from Tacoma there is a belt of coal which is practically inexhaustible. Iron abounds, also, and limestone in close proximity, while the more precious metals are found in great abundance in the spurs of the Cascade Range.

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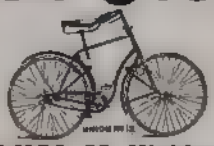

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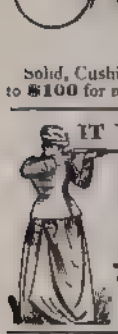

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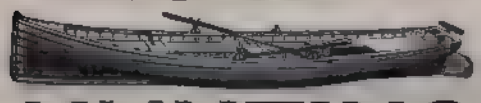

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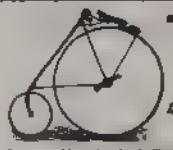

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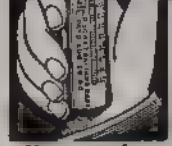

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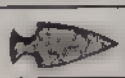

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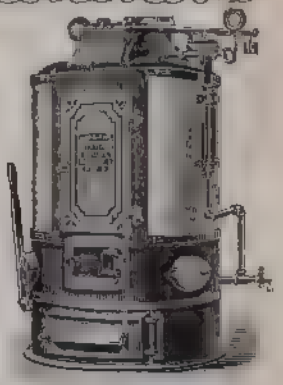

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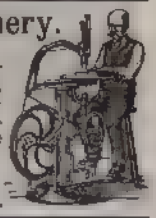

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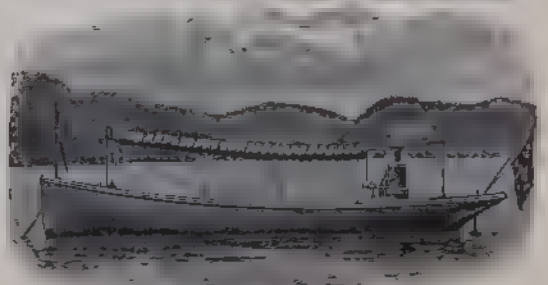

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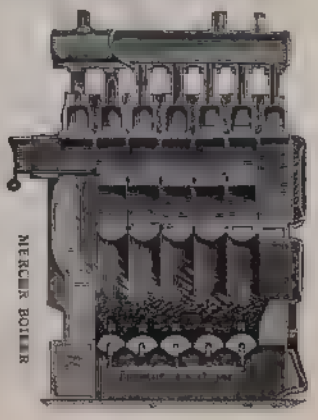

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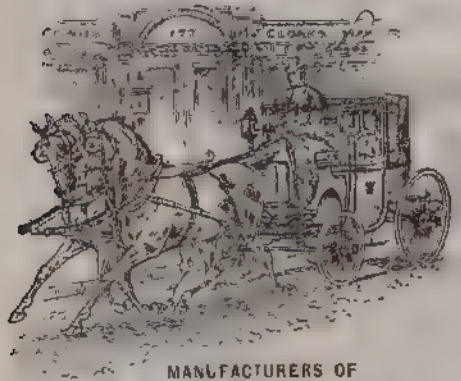

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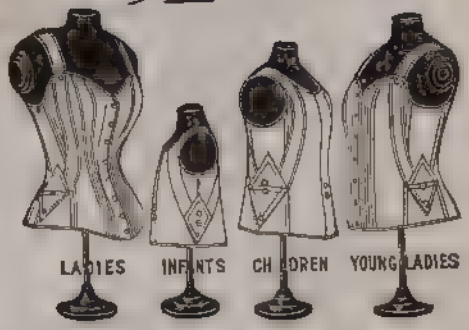

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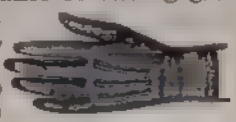

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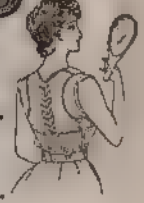

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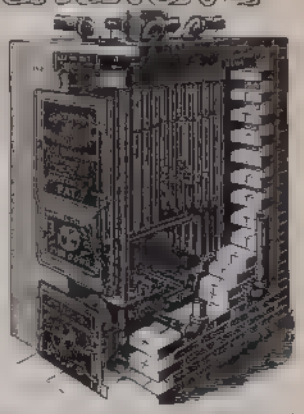

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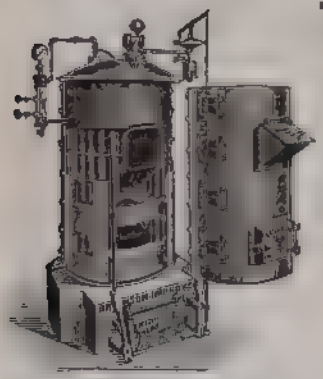

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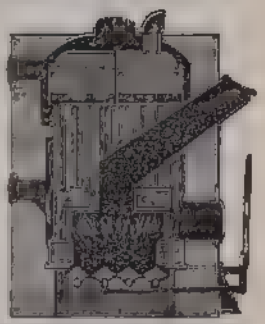

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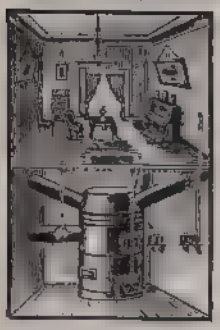

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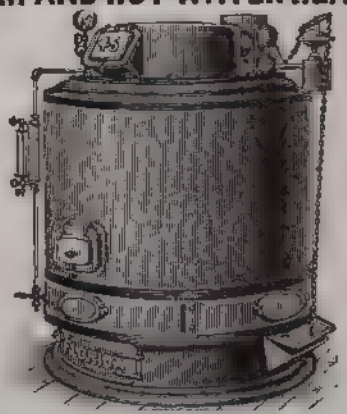

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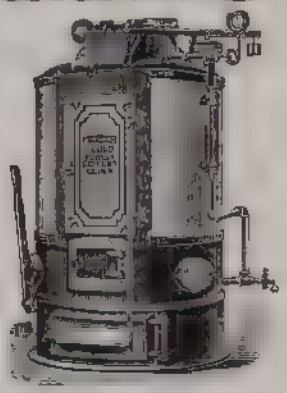

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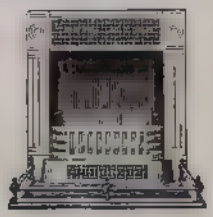

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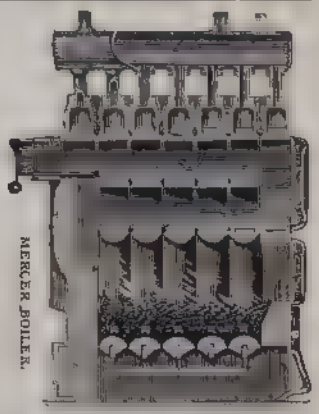

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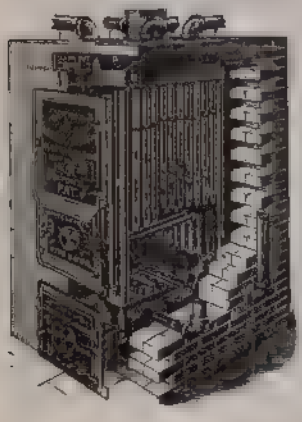

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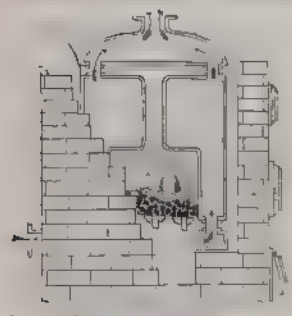

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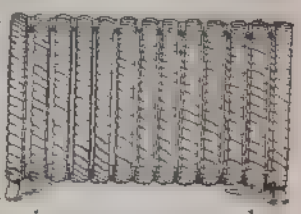

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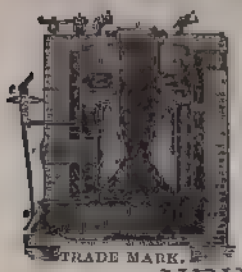

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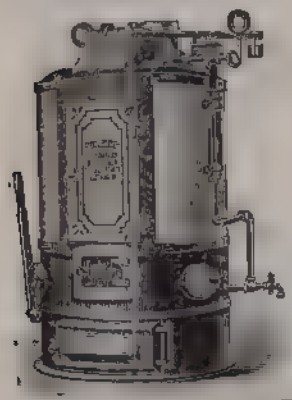

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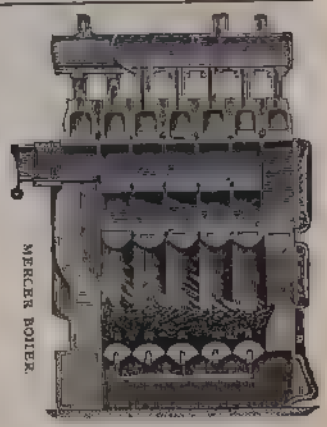

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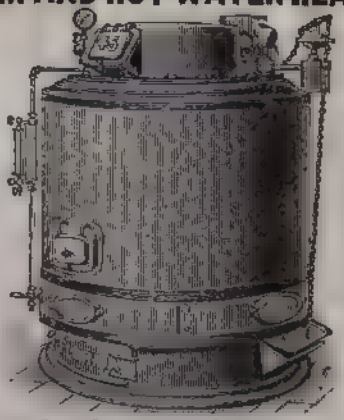

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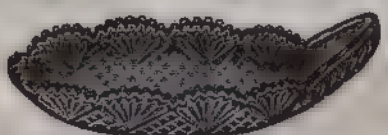

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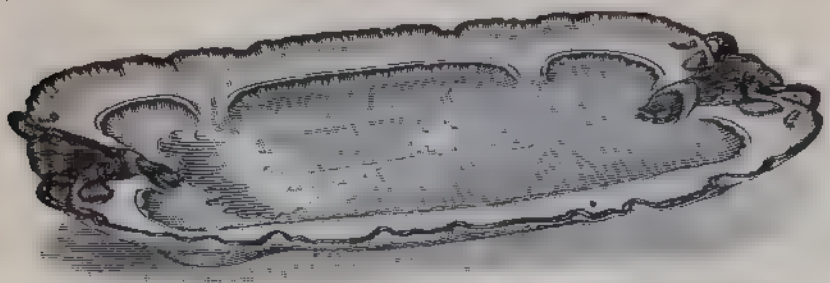

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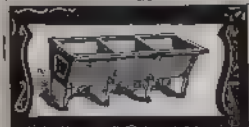

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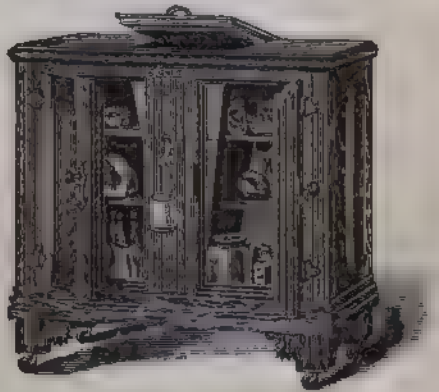

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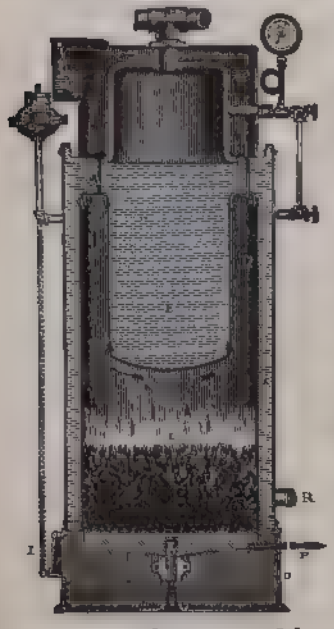

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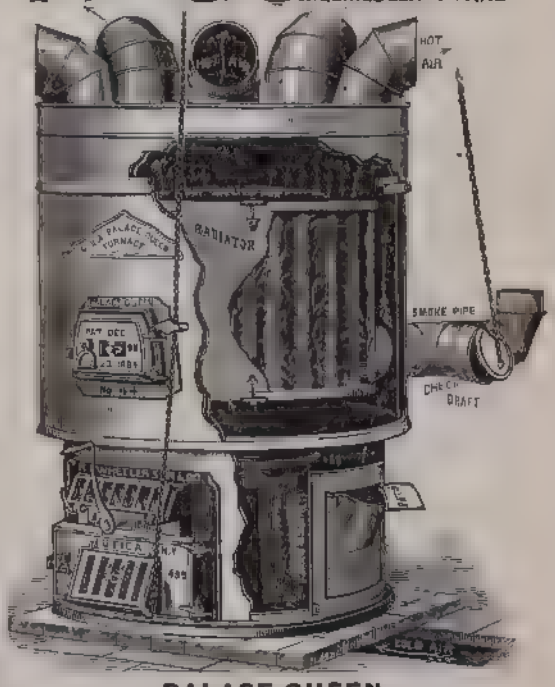

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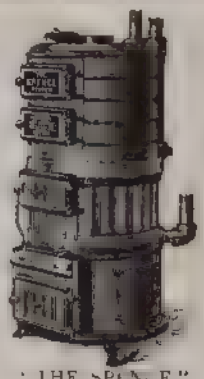

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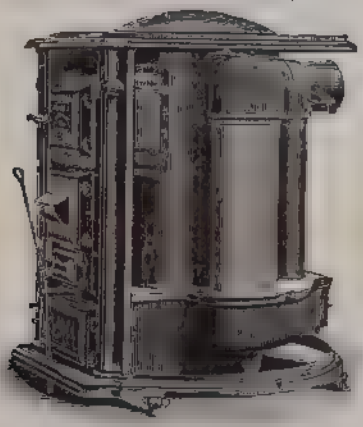

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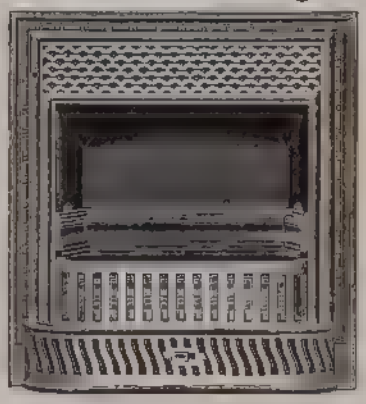

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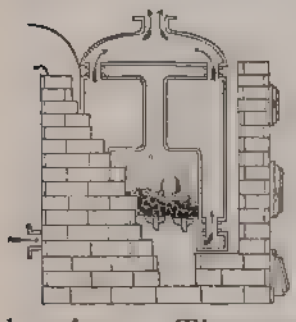

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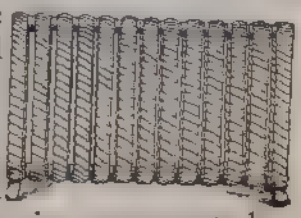

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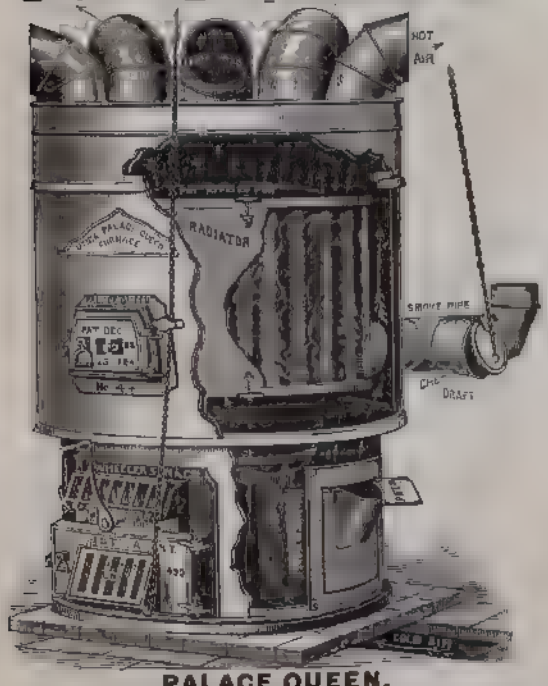

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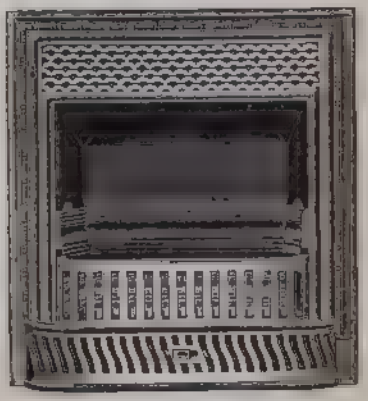

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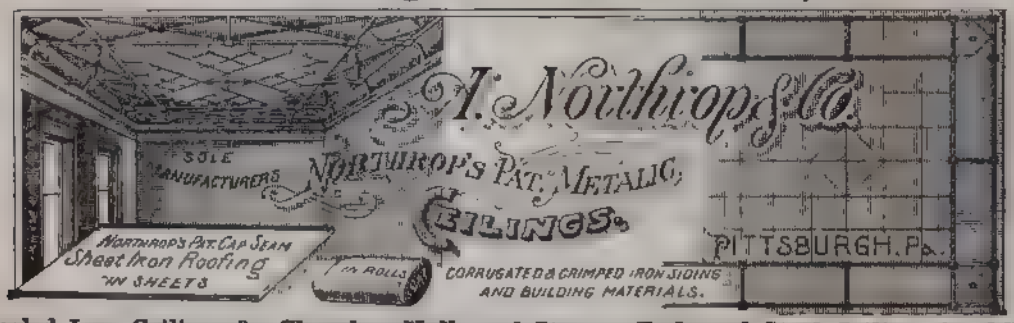

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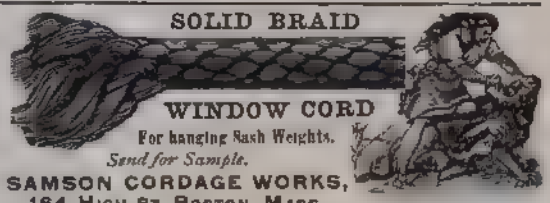

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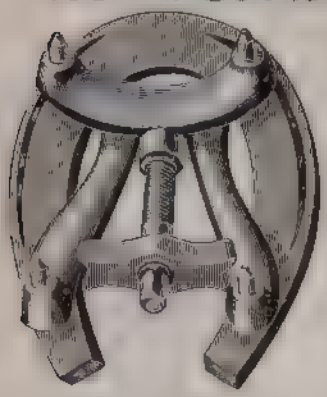

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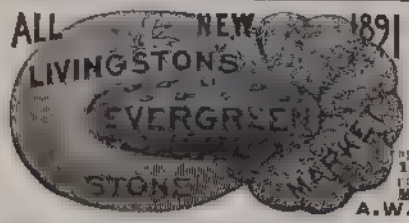

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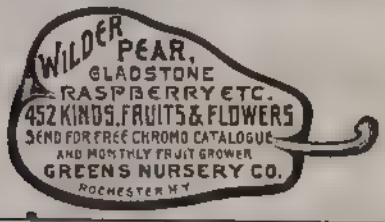

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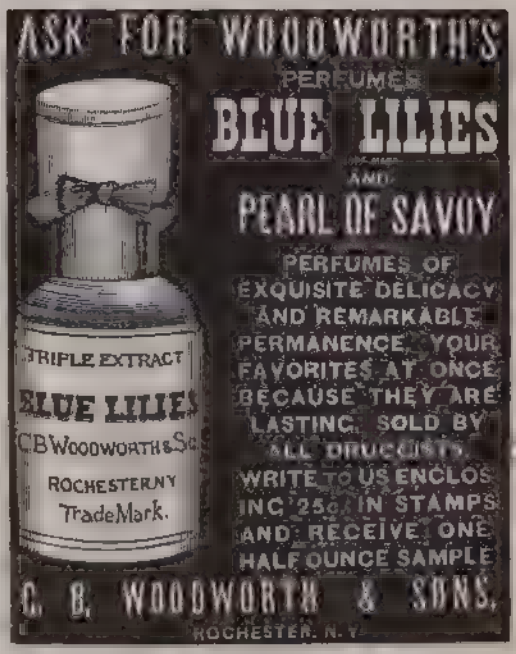
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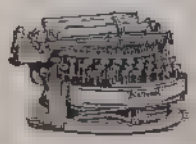

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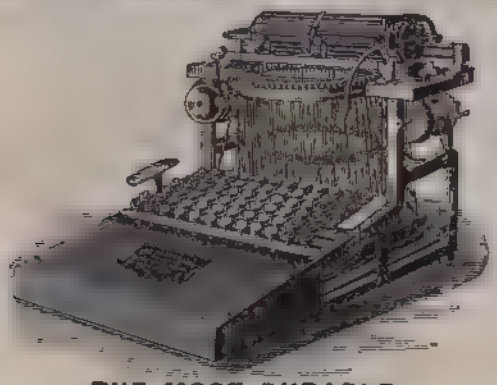

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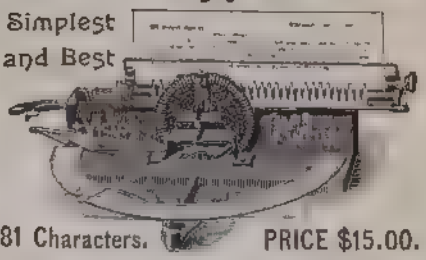

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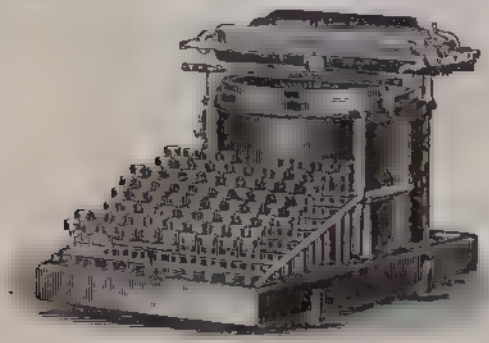

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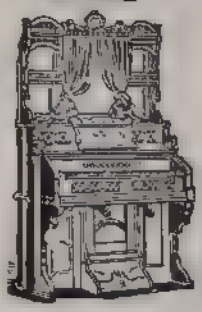

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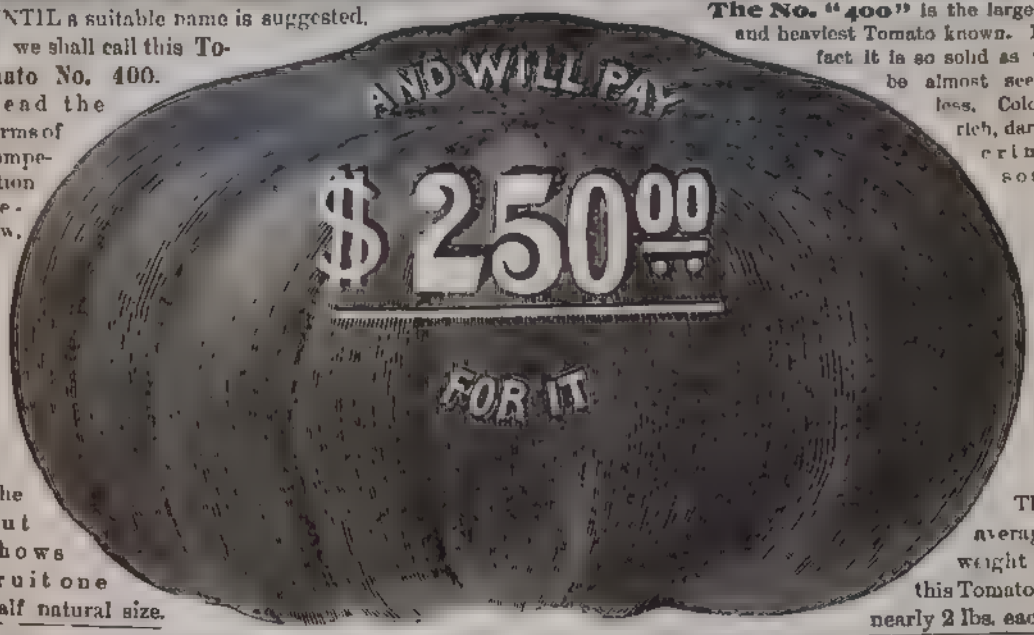

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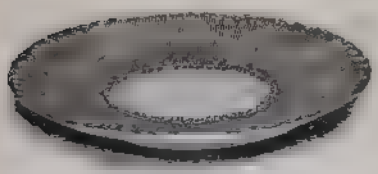

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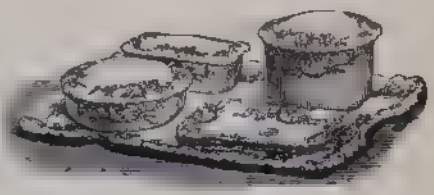

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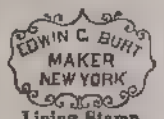

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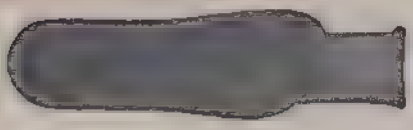

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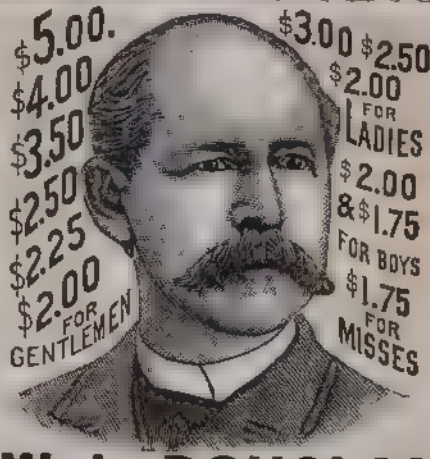

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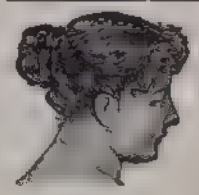

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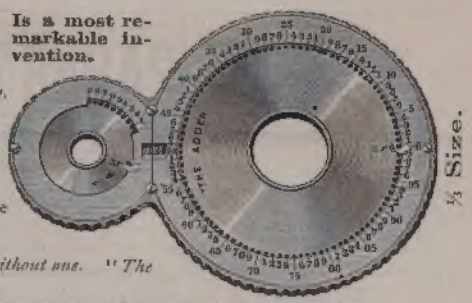

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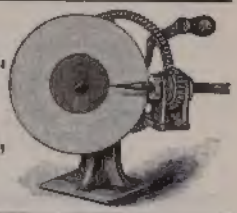

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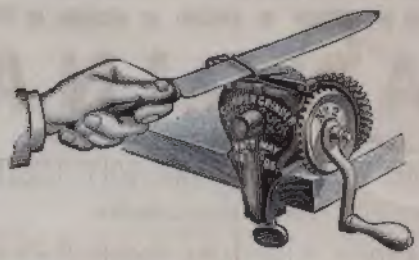

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